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From a subjective perspective, we all suffered under Fr Josiah for a couple of years. The inconsistent things he taught which led us down spiritual dead ends only find that his views on a topic had changed. He was clearly just shooting from the hip, but each view he had radically altered peoples lives. For instance, one man had a great career and a beautiful family, but because he was in pharmaceutical sells fr Josiah told him to quit because he was indirectly connected to an industry that profits off of abortion pills. This man left his career and got a job at a liquor store, only for his wife to leave him and his entire life to come crumbling down. Another man who was a minority and whose son was arrested and needed advice on what to do because he was facing a long time in jail for a petty crime merely because he had a troubled past. Fr Josiah instructed this father to not aid in his acquittal but see jail as his son's penance. Not long after, Fr Josiah's oldest was arrested for spraying jet fuel across a highway because he had overfilled his truck (this was his job) because he decided to walk away and smoke pot. An old lady drove over the jet fuel on the road and caught on fire and almost died. Fr Josiah hired the best lawyers money could buy and got him off the hook. That father who listened to Fr Josiah about his own son's legal troubles lost his child to suicide while in jail.

The list goes on and on. I saw peoples lives fall completely apart there because of Fr Josiah. I myself left St Andrew not even a year in and began attending a Greek parish, and most of my family and friends I converted with followed suit but we all went to different parishes. Things were a bit better, but we still were faced with the fact that each of our parishes taught very different things, some of which was illogical and purely of the mind of our priest's who went off their own views of the world. My Greek priest was pro female deacons, and said watching movies was a sin that needed to be confessed (theatre is condemned in the councils). What we all were left with was a zany group of priests who bound us to ridiculous notion of the Christian life, all while us having to pick up our cross and give our lives to leeches and hangers on.

I was Orthodox for 16 years, which was enough time to now look back and see many faces in positions of authority in Orthodoxy that I personally knew well. None of which are individuals who should be trusted nor giving any responsibilities in any establishment; but Orthodoxy is ripe for narcissists to gain control.

Fr Josiah is a self serving narcissist who will push people out of the way to be in the media. He watched as Protestants stop an atheist group from taking down a local cross, only to swoop in at the end with the media and make himself the face of the movement. His two oldest kids are out of control. One of his son's is in jail for firing a gun off on a residential street in Arizona. That isn't the same one that almost killed that old lady. Imagine you came to St Andrew with your beautiful family, only to have your kid get hooked on meth by the priest's son selling them meth in the parking lot (yes this happened), or you're dying from cancer and the priest's son is sent over to check on you only to have sex with your wife in the other room (yes this happened). The list goes on and on, and I only got clarity on the matter when I met with some nuns who knew fr Josiah since the day he first stepped into Orthodoxy. They said he was clearly there for the wrong reasons and even asked the bishop to keep him far away from them. I was stunned to hear nuns speak so direct about a priest in Orthodoxy. Yet people are attracted to him and his parish because of how it looks and how he pretends to be.

That is only Fr Josiah. I know deacons who should be in jail for floating money between churches to put into their own bank accounts. I know some who won't allow their wife to have a cell phone, a car, or leave the house when they are gone. Parishioners have had to call the authorities to do wellness checks on this person's wife. That person is not only in good standing but a big name in the Orthodox church in America. I know big names

who've had sexual relationships with married women and destroyed people's lives in the church, only to go on without any issues and be propped up as an example of the Christian life.

Orthodoxy in our mind is different than Orthodoxy for me. All I see when it pops up on my feed are people I personally know who shouldn't even be able to watch other peoples kids by themselves. I realized, along with all other people that converted along with me, was that this is endemic of Orthodoxy. None of us would go back. Many of us are done with Christianity, but I went Catholic instead and I've had nothing but the opposite experience. I now witness men who were in school to be doctors giving up their lives to become unmarried priests. I see men who have the world at their fingertips only to turn to Christ. Orthodoxy was completely different. All I see are men who want a platform or a place to bloviate about things they know nothing about. I have former friends who began talking to me in Orthodox accents of "holy things" the day after being made a priest. I've had one of them stop me from helping someone out because "only priests know of holy things"

The list goes on and on. I can speak for hours about the horrors I experienced, but my goal isn't to ruin peoples faith. My hope is that what I and many others experience was unique to us and that Orthodoxy is better for other people.

However, I could boil this down to my own subjective experience, but 18 of us converting and leaving, I can say we almost meet the standard of peer review.